

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following claim listing. The claim listing replaces all prior claim versions and claim listings in the application:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A vehicle steering wheel comprising:

a cast metal skeleton, said skeleton including a hub and a portion attached to said hub and extending away from said hub, said portion sloping upwardly and outwardly away from said hub with respect to a plane extending across the hub and perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the steering wheel,

a first detent element as part of a detent connection for connecting a gas bag module to said skeleton, and

at least one separate support component engaging said skeleton and being directly connected to said skeleton, said support component carrying a detent pin as said first detent element which, in an assembled state of the steering wheel, engages a second detent element arranged on the gas bag module and complementary to said detent pin, said support component being a metal plate.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A vehicle steering wheel comprising:

a cast metal skeleton,

a first detent element as part of a detent connection for connecting a gas bag module to said skeleton, and

at least one separate support component being arranged on said skeleton, said support component carrying a detent pin as said first detent element which, in an assembled state of the steering wheel, engages a second detent element arranged on the gas bag module and complementary to said detent pin, said support component being embedded into said skeleton.

Claim 6 (Original): The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 5, wherein said skeleton has a recess around said detent pin.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 5, wherein said detent pin has no threads.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A vehicle steering wheel comprising:

a skeleton and a first detent element as part of a detent connection for connecting a gas bag module to said skeleton, said skeleton including a hub and a portion attached to said hub and extending away from said hub, said portion sloping upwardly and outwardly away from said hub with respect to a plane extending across the hub and perpendicular to an axis of rotation of the steering wheel,

at least one separate support component being arranged on said skeleton, said support component carrying a detent pin as said first detent element which, in an assembled state of the steering wheel, engages a second detent element arranged on the gas bag module and complementary to said detent pin,

wherein said detent pin is threadless and said second detent element is a spring wire that engages said detent pin when the air bag module is pushed onto said skeleton thereby securing the gas bag module to said skeleton, and

said support component being a plate fixed to said threadless detent pin and fixed to said skeleton, said threadless detent pin being rotatable with said skeleton and the air bag module, said threadless detent pin being spaced from said axis of rotation of said steering wheel.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 5, wherein said skeleton includes a portion that defines a spoke.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 3, wherein said portion defines a spoke.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 5, wherein said skeleton includes a portion that extends above said detent pin.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 3, wherein said portion extends above said detent pin.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 5, wherein said skeleton of said steering wheel comprises a hub cup on which said support component is arranged.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 5, wherein said support component and said detent pin form a prefabricated assembly.

Claim 15 (New) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 3 wherein said support component and said detent pin are separate pieces.

Claim 16 (New) The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 3 wherein said support component and said detent pin form a prefabricated assembly.